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4TH OF JULY

Will be Celebrated in Louisa This Year as Usual.

While the committees have not yet completed all the arrangements it is safe to say that Louisa will have a good celebration of the glorious Fourth this year. The program will be made up within the next day or two.

It is almost certain that elaborate exercises in connection with the Kentucky Normal College building will be carried out on that day. A formal corner-stone laying will be the basis of the exercises. Efforts are now being made to procure some of the best speakers in the State.

Painfully Injured.

Last Tuesday morning Jerry Endicott, assistant foreman for J. C. Thomas on the improvement of the dam, sustained an accident which is likely to lay him up for some time. While he was on a loaded gravel car, superintending its unloading, by some mischance a big bucket loaded with gravel was swung swiftly around, striking Endicott with great force on his left leg. He was hastily picked up and carried to the shade of a tree and Dr. Wroten telephoned for the injured man was taken home in a buggy and the doctor attended to his hurts. Fortunately no bones were broken but the leg was skinned and bruised almost from knee to heel. The tendons behind the knee were very much bruised and strained, making motion very painful and almost impossible. Mr. Endicott is resting fairly comfortably at his home in West Louisa.

Country Store Robbed.

Last Monday night the store of Sumner Judd, located at the intersection of Little Blaine and Smoky Valley roads, about 2 miles from this place, was broken into and robbed of goods and money amounting to about \$50. Mr. Judd lives a mile or so from the store, and knew nothing of the burglary until he went to business Tuesday morning. He sent for the bloodhounds, but they were not able to find a trail. Mr. Judd thinks he knows where his stolen property is, and some interesting developments may be expected. Entrance to the store was effected by cutting away part of a window. Then it was an easy matter to reach in and loosen the catch.

New P. O. Ruling.

Louisa people will take interest in the new ruling that has just gone into effect, and that was recently authorized by the Postoffice Department at Washington. By the terms of the new order, a defaced stamp is hereafter worthless. Should a corner be torn off, no matter how small, or the stamp mutilated in any other way, it cannot be longer used. All letters bearing such stamps will hereafter be held at the local office two weeks for recovery, and at the end of such a period, if not claimed, will be sent to the dead letter office.

The Poor Man's Berry.

Not in years has there been as fine a promise of a big blackberry crop as there is this year. Every bush and vine in all of the hills of Kentucky is covered with white blossoms converting the bushes into white flowers as beautiful to look upon as the garden of roses. The blackberry crop which grows wild in all of Kentucky, is of course not considered as amounting to much in the final round up of things this year but here will be thousands of tons of blackberries grow wild and be ready to the hand of the providential and prudent.

A Blaine York, who has been filling a government position in Washington, D. C. for the past few years, has returned from a visit with relatives at Yorkville, and has left for Helena, Mont., where he has a splendid legal appointment. York will be joined later by his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. John Mahan.

He has His Reward.

Jim Howard, who was released from the penitentiary Saturday upon a pardon issued by Gov. Wilson, has been made a Deputy County Clerk of Jefferson county. William Durbin, who had been a faithful employee for ten years, was discharged to make room for Howard.

Commenting upon this appointment the Louisville Times says:

We cannot understand this appointment. He is not a citizen of Jefferson county and Gayheart should explain the reason for such an appointment. There are Republicans in Louisville as poor and much more worthy that Gabhart could have given the place to. The Times editorially has stated its doubts that Howard fired the shot that killed Gov. Goebel, but Jim Howard was an assassin when he fired the shot that killed George Baker. A grudge and personal revenge may have furnished his motive, but he was guilty of a cowardly murder in his act. The people who are instrumental in his employment in Louisville should advise him that if he murder any citizen of Louisville that he can only escape just punishment by quick passage across the river into Indiana, where Kentucky murders are safe as long as Republican Governors are in charge of the administration of executive affairs in our sister State, and that will only be until the Democrats have a chance to change State administrations.

Another Williamson Fire.

Williamson, W. Va., certainly seems doomed to be finally and totally destroyed by fire. The town has been visited by a number of disastrous conflagrations in the past two or three years.

Two more occurred at an early hour Thursday morning. The first destroyed the water works pumping station and Thompson's livery stable. The second fire occurred at 5 a. m. and the flames licked up eight residences. The total loss is \$50,000. It is said that Miss Rebecca Meek, formerly of Louisa, was a loser by this fire.

Able to Be Out Again.

Wm. J. Crutcher, manager of the company store at Holden, W. Va., is able to be out on the street after having undergone what is considered to be one of the most difficult operations ever performed in Huntington. Owing to the nature of the case and the condition of the patient, there was little hopes of his recovery at the time of the operation. His many friends will be glad to learn that he will soon be able to return to his business.

Real Estate Sales.

The following sales at public auction were made in this city Monday: The house and lot on Look avenue, formerly owned and occupied by Jesse Cordell, to H. C. Sullivan, price \$1,405. Two lots owned by same party were also sold, one to John Gartin for \$411, and one to H. C. Sullivan for \$399.50. A small frame on Madison street belonging to the Eli Fitch estate, was sold to Marion Damron for \$21.

Married at Prestonsburg.

David May, of Pike county, and Miss Birdie Callahan, of Prestonsburg, were married at the latter place on Wednesday of this week and went on Wednesday on a bridal trip. The bride is a handsome young lady, and a daughter of the late Dr. Callahan. Mr. May is a prominent farmer of Pike county.

Send Your Names.

The News has been requested to say that entertainment will be furnished to all delegates to the County Sunday school convention to be held in the town of Blaine July 10, 11 and 12. All who expect to go should send their names to Mrs. J. J. Gambill, at Blaine, Ky., and she will see that entertainment is provided.

Boliver Wesley now has the run of the late Andrew Berry. A few years ago Wesley sustained injuries which nearly ended his life. Boliver's many friends hope his subsequent runs may all be made in safety.

FATAL WRECK.

Engineer Lon Borders Scalded to Death in Railroad Accident.

Word has reached here that Lon Borders, a son of Charlie Borders, was killed Sunday in a railroad wreck in Indiana. Both Mr. Borders and his son were well known here before moving to Quincy, Ill. Lon Borders was related to Miss Mabel Butler of this city.

He was a railroad engineer. His engine left the rails on a curve and turned over on its side, scalding him until the flesh dropped from the bones. He died five hours later in horrible agony. He retained consciousness to the end. The accident was very similar to the one that killed Andy Berry.

Lon was 35 years old and was born at Old Peach Orchard, Lawrence county, Ky.

Republican National Convention.

The Republican National Convention is in session at Chicago. The last report says that the mention of Roosevelt's name started a demonstration that lasted 35 minutes. "Four years more" were chanted by the delegates for half an hour, showing that Roosevelt would be nominated if the delegates had half a chance.

Taft is conceded to have the nomination clinched, but no enthusiasm will go with it.

The Vice Presidency is an open proposition. Dolliver, of Iowa seems to be a favorite and there is strong sentiment for Fairbanks.

A Pleasant Meeting.

A pleasant meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church was held Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. L. M. Copley and much work was accomplished. Next Wednesday afternoon the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Bromley. Refreshments will be served, and the ladies cordially invite all their friends to call during the afternoon and partake of the cooling sweets that will be prepared. The proceeds will go into the Society's treasury. The ladies are requested to bring work to be done.

Historic Piece of Wood.

The gavel which was used in calling to order the Democratic State Convention at Lexington the other day was made from a piece of wood nearly a century old. It was taken from the present Statehouse, that old pile of stones and brick and wood which has stood for so long as the capital of the State of Kentucky, and which is soon to be replaced by the new and handsome building in South Frankfort. The gavel was made by Capt. R. E. Gaines, of Frankfort, who is in the engineering department of the penitentiary. Lewis McQuown used the gavel in calling the convention to order, and then it was removed to a safe place for there was no desire to have it broken during the convention.

Capt. Gaines made the gavel himself. He went down into the basement of the Statehouse and took out a joist under the stair leading in to the cellar. He took this piece of wood down to the penitentiary with him and turned out a handsome gavel. The gavel itself, aside from its historic value, is a thing of beauty.

And Then They Ate.

The Royal Arch Masons of Louisa had lots of "work" last Monday night, the objects of their industry being the Drs. Gambill, of Blaine, and George Swetham, of Wilbur. From labor they went to refreshment at Pigg's restaurant, where fish, spring chicken, etc. were consumed in large quantities.

The Postoffice Department has issued a bulletin showing the increase and decrease in the salaries of postmasters in the various cities of the State, under the appointments of the President. Under the new ruling Greenup is decreased from \$1,100 to \$1,000, Catlettsburg \$2,600 to \$1,800, and Olive Hill increased from \$1,100 to \$1,200.

Fatal Shooting in Catlettsburg.

Early Saturday evening a shooting affair occurred on Division street, in Catlettsburg, in which one man was killed and two wounded.

Bruce Lee, 24 years old, a son of Warfield Lee, was the white man who did the shooting. Both he and his father are respected in the town. Bruce is a quiet, orderly fellow, does not drink, and was never known to be in trouble before. The affair occurred about 5 o'clock Saturday evening, and was not a free-for-all night scrap.

It is understood that Lee was standing in front of a cleaning and pressing establishment, on Division street, discussing the freedom of Powers and Howard, when Harry Scott, who bore the reputation of being a mean negro, "batted in." His remarks grew offensive, and James Shockey, who runs the pressing establishment, also joined in, but Scott was the chief aggressor. John Galloway, a young white man, was standing near, and had been in conversation with Lee, but started to walk away when Scott made his appearance. Scott was a bold negro, and absolutely fearless. He had been in considerable trouble, and only recently was in jail for resisting an officer who attempted to arrest him for stealing. He is the one who assaulted young Hager, a white man, on the O. & B. S., and a few years ago was shot on being caught in the hills with a white man's wife. Many times he had been rebuked for making ugly remarks about white women, and only last week his brother, "Stubble" Scott, was arrested on a charge of attempting to assault a white girl.

Lee shot him through the breast after which Scott ran from the edge of the alley to a saloon, and breaking in the back door, fell dead in the wine room.

Shockey was shot in the left shoulder, but only slightly hurt. A stray bullet struck Galloway in the thigh, and the wound is a very dangerous one.

A Young Hero.

Vaughan Spencer, a lad of about 12 years, who lives at Torchlight, is, in a modest sort of way, quite a hero. When the unfortunate accident on the C. & O. occurred near Torchlight a couple of weeks ago everybody about the place of the wreck seemed dazed and quite at a loss as to what was best to do for the relief of the wounded. One, however, the youngest in the crowd, speedily grasped the situation and its demands, and without saying a word to anyone dashed off down the road for Dr. Moore, a mile and a half away. To the man of medicine he briefly, but intelligently, told what had occurred, and almost before the people at the wreck knew that aid had been summoned the doctor was at hand.

Young Spencer's efforts should be practically appreciated.

J. Norman Blake, of Huntington, was recently married in Cincinnati to Miss Nora Robertson, of Pikeville. The bride is a daughter of Judge J. M. Robertson, is intelligent and very pretty. The groom travels for the Watts-Ritter Company. Parental objections led to the marriage away from home.

Mrs. W. H. Marrs and children are visiting relatives and friends at Paintsville this week. They were accompanied by Mr. Marrs' mother, who is probably the oldest person in this section, being 92 years of age. Mrs. Marrs is very active for one at her age.

The American Boom & Lumber Co. recently incorporated at Farmers, Ky., has elected the following officers: President, S. B. Reese; vice-president, N. Goddard; secretary and treasurer, E. Slaughter; general superintendent, B. Mineark of Morehead, Ky.

Friends of Capt. and Mrs. Earl C. Carnahan will be interested in hearing that they are in Yokohama, Japan. Mrs. Carnahan will remain until September, when she will again be joined by Capt. Carnahan and the family will then return to the States.

Keep your bottle of gasoline out of the reach of your children. A little boy in Midway secured a bottle of the stuff recently and drank a part of the contents. He died in a short time.

ACCIDENT

Of Unusual Nature Causes Death of S. T. Pennington.

Washington, D. C. June 15.—Samuel T. Pennington, of Carter county, Ky., was killed in the elevator of the Munsey Building in this city this morning. There are conflicting stories as to the cause of the accident.

The elevator conductor, Clarence Penke, says that Pennington, who was the only passenger on the car, fainted just as the elevator was leaving the second floor. The other passengers had gotten out at that floor and the elevator was starting and the door was swinging to at the same time.

Pennington pitched forward, his head and shoulders falling in the opening and preventing the doors closing. Before the conductor could stop the car the head and shoulders were caught between the floor and the ascending car and the bottom of the next stop. Pennington sustained terrible injuries and death was immediate.

Pennington had been a clerk in the office of the Auditor for the Navy Department for two years. He was graduated in law at the George Washington law school in this city a few days ago. He was to have been promoted July 1. He is survived by his widow. He had been married less than two years, and had just passed his thirty-first birthday. The elevator conductor was taken into custody. The Coroner will hold an inquest this afternoon.

Mules Bring Fancy Prices.

The mule supply in this section is the scarcest known and the few that are being sold are bringing a remarkably high price. In St. Louis, where ordinarily plenty of mules can be found, it is almost impossible to purchase any and it is claimed by those who know that the reason is that the United States is shipping all the mules to foreign markets. Over 40,000 of these animals are used in the Panama canal, and as the work is hard, many of this number die every year and have to be replaced from the United States. It is believed that this continued demand, which will go on for several years, will keep the price of mules up, and as a result the farmers everywhere have decided to turn their attention to this industry.

A small boy met a horrible death near South Point last Tuesday morning. He was the son of Jack Gorman, a farmer of that section. The boy had been sent to the barn to feed a bull calf about ten months old, and the animal got the child pinned up in a corner of a stall and butted him to death, his fearful hammering on the boy's abdomen bursting an artery.

The father, hearing the boy's frantic screams, rushed to the barn and beat the calf and carried the boy to the house where he later expired from the effects of the awful butting he had received.

The Democrats of Boyd County say it is Boyd county's turn to have the State Senator from this district, and though it is early to begin talking of candidates and elections, they have practically decided on George W. Calvin, of Cannonsburg, to succeed Senator Watson, the present incumbent who lives in Lawrence county. They say Mr. Calvin will have no opposition and that they can elect him by an overwhelming majority.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

The exercises at the M. E. church South last Sunday evening were of a very interesting character. The children of the Sunday school repeated a portion of the program rendered a short time ago, and this was followed by an interesting and well prepared paper on Echoes from the recent W. F. M. S. Convention. This was followed by an illustrated address on Corea and Japan by Mrs. Switzer. The paper and the address were well received. The church was completely filled.

Miss Lucille Sullivan entertained several of her young friends last Monday evening in honor of little Misses Cray and Ruth Borders.

Fort Gayities.

William Salmon, an aged and respected citizen of Bull Creek, dropped dead last Saturday.

For the third time this season the Paintsville and Louisa base ball teams crossed bats, last Friday in Fountain Park, with the result that the Louisa boys for the third time went down in ignominious defeat, the score standing 21 to 9 in favor of the visitors. This is a poor showing for the Louisa boys, and a suggestion that they go back to town ball, or if found too hard, to Anthony over would be in order.—Ft. Gay Leader.

The friends of Mrs. Emma Jorgenson, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennie Beale here last summer, will regret to learn of her death, which occurred on Sunday morning, June 7th, at her home in Oconomowoc, Wis. Mrs. Beale was with her at the time, and the Leader joins her host of friends in extending sympathy.—Leader.

A story is going the rounds that a certain party visited a Louisa bank not long ago, and asked for one of the new coins with "God Bless Our Home" left off. He must have been a Fort Gay Moss back.

At a meeting of the town Council last Thursday evening, J. B. Dotson was appointed Marshal, and Charles Kinster was appointed Street Commissioner. Also, the contract for the building of a new Lock-up was let to H. Combs at the price of \$90.

D. E. Lockwood, President of the County Board of Health, returned last Friday from Beech Fork, and reports one case of smallpox and several others exposed.

James Rowe, of this place, while working at a saw mill east of Williamson, had the misfortune last week of getting two of his fingers caught in a cog-wheel, mashing them off.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will give an ice cream supper here on the evening of June 20th, 1908. The object is to raise money to purchase a foundation under church. All are invited to come.

Children's Day exercises will be the evening of the fourth Sunday in the evening of the fourth Sunday in June, at 7:30 o'clock, as was originally announced.

Dud Christian and Miss Allie Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ferguson, were married at the bride's parents last Friday.

Circuit Clerk Bert Shannon left for West Liberty Tuesday, taking with him the record in the case of the Commonwealth of Charles Johnson. It will be remembered that Johnson was convicted in the Lawrence Circuit Court of the murder of a man named Boggs and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. At the recent term of this court he was granted a change of venue to Morgan county, and his case is set for trial at the present term of that court. Later Sheriff Stone will go to Frankfort and carry Johnson to Morgan for trial.

Smoked Glass Day.

On Sunday, June 28, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun, causing an eclipse, which will be visible throughout the entire United States, and also in Central America, Northern Europe, and the extreme west coast of Africa. The eclipse will begin at 8:50 o'clock a. m., and continue until 11:52 a. m.

Children's Day at Gallup.

Sunday, June 21 is Children's Day at Gallup. A fine program has been arranged and the participants are well trained. Come and bring others with you. Services will be at 10 a. m. E. E. Miers, pastor.

A most distressing accident took place just below Mifflin bridge at Storms Creek, near Ironton, last Friday afternoon, when the 3:15 west bound N. & W. train struck two little Dugan boys, killing one and badly injuring the other.

The Drs. Gambill, of Blaine, and George Swetham, of Wilbur, met the acquaintance of a large Masonic goat Monday night.